## STATE OF ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: GROUPE 369 CORP., Its Officers, Directors, Employees, Partners, Successors, Agents and Assigns,

File No. 0900370

## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO THE RESPONDENT:

Group 369 Corp.

2021 Midwest Road, Suite 200 Oak Brook, Illinois 60523

Group 369 Corp.

c/o Jeffrey Howard Flicker, Registered Agent

130 South Jefferson Street, Suite 500

Chicago, Illinois 60661

You are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 11.F of The Illinois Loan Brokers Act of 1955, as amended, Ch. 815 ILCS 175/15-1, et seq. (the "Act") and 14 Ill. Adm. Code 130, Subpart K, a public hearing will be held at 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on the 12<sup>th</sup>day of May 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, before James L. Kopecky, or another duly designated Hearing Officer of the Secretary of State. A copy of the Rules under the Act pertaining to contested cases is attached to this Notice.

Said hearing will be held to determine whether a permanent Order of Prohibition should be entered against Groupe 369 Corp., its officers agents, employees, sales representatives, and affiliates, the ("Respondent"), and/or granting such other relief as may be authorized under the Act including, but not limited to, censure and the imposition of a monetary fine in the maximum amount of \$10,000 per violation, payable within ten (10) business days of the entry of the Order.

The grounds for such proposed action are as follows:

- 1. That Groupe 369 Corp., an Illinois Corporation, not in good standing, ("Respondent"), has its principal address at 2021 Midwest Road, Suite 200, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523.
- 2. That during November 2008, Respondent, by and through its Officers, Directors, Partners, Employees, Affiliates, Successors, Agents and Assigns, offered to procure loans via the internet at <a href="http://www.groupe369.com">http://www.groupe369.com</a> (the "Ad"), which was viewed by at least one Borrower ("Borrower").

- 3. That Borrower responded to the Ad and was then in contact with Respondent 369 by means of its representatives. Borrower filled out an application and Respondent communicated proposals and loan terms culminating in a letter of intent which required Borrower to make an advance good faith deposit in the amount of Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00). Respondent told Borrower he could then receive a loan amount up to One Million Two-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1, 200,000.00).
- 4. That on November 26, 2008, Borrower remitted the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) via bank wire to the Respondent.
- 5. That Borrower never received a loan or the return of his advance good faith deposit from the Respondent.
- 6. That during November 2008, Respondent, by and through its Officers, Directors, Employees, Affiliates, Successors, Agents and Assigns, offered to procure a loan for another Borrower ("Borrower B"), in return for an advance fee of twenty thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), which was prepaid by the Borrower on November 24, 2008. Borrower B could then receive a loan amount up to Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00).
- 7. That Borrower B never received a loan or the return of his advance good faith deposit from the Respondent.
- 8. That the activities referenced at paragraphs 2 through 7 are the activities of a "Loan Broker" as that term is defined pursuant to Section 15-5.15 of the Illinois Loan Brokers Act of 1995 [815 ILCS 175/15-1 et seq.] (the "Act").
- 9. That Section 15-10 of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>, that it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of loan brokering unless registered under the Act.
- 10. That Section 15-85(b) of the Act provides, inter alia, that it is prohibited under the Act for a loan broker to either directly or indirectly act as a loan broker without registration under the Act unless exempt under the Act.
- That at all times relevant hereto, Respondent Groupe 369 Corp., its' Officers, Directors, Employees, Affiliates, Successors, Agents and Assigns, failed to file an application for registration as a loan broker with the Secretary of State prior to the aforementioned loan offer in the State of Illinois.
- 12. That by virtue of the foregoing, Respondent Groupe 369 Corp., its' Officers, Directors, Employees, Affiliates, Successors, Agents and Assigns, violated Section 15-10 and/or 15-85(b) of the Act.

You are further notified that you are required pursuant to Section 130,1104 of the Rules and Regulations (14 Ill. Adm. Code 130) (the "Rules"), to file an answer to the allegations outlined above within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this notice. A failure to file an answer within the prescribed time shall be construed as an admission of the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing.

You are also notified, pursuant to the Illinois Administrative Code, Title 14, Subtitle A, Chapter 1, Part 130, Subpart K, Procedures for Administrative Hearings: Section 130.1102 c); which in part provides: "That by requesting a hearing the Respondent agrees to a tolling of the time limitation on the effectiveness of the Temporary Order or Prohibition or Suspension for 60 days from the date the request is received by the Department."

Furthermore, you may be represented by legal counsel; may present evidence; may cross-examine witnesses and otherwise participate. A failure to so appear shall constitute a default; unless any Respondent has upon due notice moved for and obtained a continuance.

A copy of the Rules, promulgated under the Act and pertaining to hearings held by the Office of the Secretary of State, Securities Department, is posted at: <a href="http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/securities/lawrules.html">http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/securities/lawrules.html</a>

Delivery of notice to the designated representative of any Respondent constitutes service upon such Respondent.

Dated: This 26th day of March 2010.

JESSE WHITE Secretary of State

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